



NEBRASKA
System of Care Planning Grant
Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Planning for Transformation Through Partnerships

OPERATIONAL PLANNING TEAMS

Project Management Team

The Project Management Team (PMT) has a strong cross-system commitment to families and youth as equal partners in the planning process. The team provides leadership and guidance for the project and includes staff from DHHS, grant consultants, regional representatives and leaders from family organizations. The PMT is ultimately responsible for dispersing the project's vision, goals and objectives and providing oversight of all project activities.

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System of Care Development Team

The Development Team is an all-encompassing statewide body of stakeholders representing child serving systems and providers, private partners, Nebraska's American Indian tribes, project consultants and youth and families from across the state. The team guides and informs the development of the System of Care strategic plan and logic model through the work of ten core work groups. The Development Team served as host of the project's Stakeholder Kick-Off event in October 2013 and will meet again in January and May 2014. The Team is tri-chaired by individuals representing DHHS, Regional Behavioral Health Services and Families.

Development Team Tri-Chairs

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Core Strategy Teams

The Core Strategy Teams are topic specific and charged with developing and prioritizing recommendations associated with the following ten specific topic categories.

- Youth & Family Partnership
- High Fidelity Wraparound/Family Centered Practice
- Financing Strategies
- Trauma Informed Services and Supports
- Workforce Development
- Social Marketing and Communication
- Services and Supports
- Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services and Supports
- Prevention and Early Intervention
- Policy, Administrative and Regulatory

Each team is guided by co or tri chairs representing a system, family and youth partner from across the state. Teams will meet between December 2013 and May 2014 to complete their work as described in the team charge. Membership on any team is open to all interested individuals. Contact the SOC Project office at dhhs.soc@nebraska.gov to participate.

Core Strategy Teams – Descriptions

Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Systems and Services

The Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Systems and Services Core Strategy Team (CST) is charged with developing recommendations for behavioral health systems and organizations to provide effective, equitable, understandable and respectful quality care and services that are responsive to diverse cultural health beliefs and practices, preferred languages, health literacy and other communication needs. This includes recommendations for promoting, expanding and supporting the understanding of the importance of culture in serving children, youth and families, and ensuring a broad array of home- and community-based services and supports that are culturally and linguistically appropriate.

Financing Strategies

The Financing Strategies Core Strategy Team (CST) is charged with developing recommendations for identifying and improving Nebraska's financing mechanisms and using funding streams strategically to support the development of SOC infrastructure and services. This CST will function in two ways: (1) identify areas for funding change that are known and/or identified through the System of Care assessment process and (2) respond to recommendations from other CSTs that have implications for funding and finance.

Policy, Administrative and Regulatory

The Policy, Administrative and Regulatory Core Strategy Team (CST) is charged with developing recommendations to bring together the system transformation efforts of the Children's Commission and the Regional Behavioral Health Authorities. The CST will recommend state-level policy and regulatory changes to infuse and institutionalize the SOC philosophy and approach into Nebraska's larger service systems. The CST will make general policy and regulatory recommendations as well as respond to the work of other CSTs by identifying policy and regulatory barriers to SOC implementation.

Prevention and Early Intervention

The Prevention and Early Intervention Core Strategy Team (CST) is charged with developing recommendations for promoting, expanding and supporting statewide implementation of programs and policies to promote emotional health and reduce the likelihood of mental illness, substance abuse, and suicide. This CST will explore recommendations to build on primary care-behavioral health integration; early and periodic developmental screening; risk and protective factors; and early intervention. The CST will coordinate with and build on the work of Nebraska communities and entities that are currently working in the area of prevention and early intervention.

Services and Supports

The Services and Supports Core Strategy Team (CST) is charged with developing recommendations for promoting, expanding and supporting statewide implementation of a broad array of home- and community-based services and supports that are individualized, coordinated, family-/youth-driven, and culturally and linguistically competent. The CST will ensure coordination with current efforts in the child welfare system regarding Alternative Response and the Title IV-E Waiver Demonstration.

Social Marketing and Communication

The Social Marketing and Communication Core Strategy Team (CST) is charged with developing a social marketing and strategic communications plan to generate support among Nebraska communities, families and youth, high-level decision makers at state and local levels, child-serving providers, Medicaid at-risk vendor, and other key leaders to support expansion of SOC approaches.

Trauma Informed

The Trauma Informed Care Core Strategy Team (CST) is charged with developing recommendations for promoting, expanding and supporting statewide implementation of trauma informed care. The CST will build on and utilize all available data and activities, including the recent Trauma Conference held in September 2013.

Workforce Development

The Workforce Development Core Strategy Team (CST) is charged with developing recommendations for promoting, expanding and supporting statewide implementation of ongoing recruiting, training, technical assistance, and coaching to ensure that Nebraska child- and family-serving providers are prepared and skilled to provide effective services and supports consistent with the SOC philosophy and approaches.

High Fidelity Wraparound/Family Centered Practice

The High Fidelity Wraparound/Family Centered Practice Core Strategy Team (CST) is charged with developing recommendations for promoting, expanding and supporting statewide implementation of research based family centered practice models such as High Fidelity Wraparound which involve youth and families in equal partnership with systems and natural supports. The CST will also address recommendations to ensure consistency in the understanding and use of terminology regarding family centered practice. The CST will utilize all available data including 2013 evaluations and recommendations from TriWest Group regarding the Professional Partner Program.

Youth and Family Partnership

The Youth and Family Partnership Core Strategy Team (CST) is charged with developing recommendations to (1) expand and build on existing family and youth leadership and (2) promote equal partnership among youth, family and system partners in planning and implementing systems of care across all Nebraska regions.